

Mirror editorials, etc.

On resigning

It is with regret and understanding that we view the impending resignation of Mayor Fred J. Manuso from the city's highest elected post.

We regret that the mayor has decided to leave the post midway through his first full term.

No one can deny that things in the city have changed during his stay in office.

There will be those who question whether or not he was responsible for the physical changes — the new construction, the reconstruction of streets, the purchase of fire equipment.

Yet, when he took office he ought, as did James McMyne who preceded him, to change the image of the city.

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We also view his upcoming resignation with understanding.

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And it's even harder during trying economic times.

And harder still when the mayor is Republican and the majority of council is — on the face — Democratic.

We're sure that Mayor Manuso will enjoy his respite from city hall.

We wish him the best of everything in the future.

Next batter is ...

Waiting on the on deck circle for his turn at bat is James McMyne who served as the city's mayor following the death of Mayor Dr. A.J. Kaufman.

McMyne was serving as council president at that time — the first

under the city's home rule charter. After him will be a better serving in that he is sounder position.

The future of the city will soon be known what he is getting into.

He has the best of everything.

Stones and houses

How many times have you heard the old saying: "People in glass houses should not throw stones."

We believe in that saying.

We won't write anything editorially unless we absolutely believe in what we are writing.

If we didn't write in the last election, we don't feel that it is proper for us to beg others to vote at the next election.

What we mean by that is that we ought, as did James McMyne who preceded him, to change the image of the city.

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Taxes and

The state's legislature is considering changing the law so that local school districts may have a greater portion of their income from personal income taxes as opposed to the current reliance upon real estate taxes.

Many people have believed over the years that the great reliance upon real estate taxes was a hindrance to home ownership. In fact, they believe that many older people on fixed incomes are literally forced out of their homes as real estate taxes rise.

Changing the basic tax structure would be a wise move.

Now the law doesn't mean that the entire real estate tax would be eliminated.

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It would mean that the press certainly do live in glass houses.

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